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SNA opposes intelligence bill

Suburban Newspapers of America has joined several national press groups in formal opposition to a proposed federal private intelligence bill that would put constraints on newspapers exposing the names of intelligence agents.

The bill, with some minor revisions made in the Senate, was approved by Senate and House judiciary committees. SNA and other news groups are in total opposition to the bill.

The news groups feel the legislation is an unconstitutional abridgement of First Amendment rights. Other groups that have opposed the bill include the National Newspaper Association, American Newspaper Publishers Association and the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi.